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SUBJ: ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' VISIT

REF: A. MANILA 9579 (NOTAL); B. KUALA LUMPUR 3779 (NOTAL)

1. SAUDI ARABIAN MINISTER OF STATE OMAR SAQQAF, WHO WAS MEMBER OF MUSLIM MINISTERS' DELEGATION TO PHILIPPINES, HAS RETURNED AND ISSUED BALANCE STATEMENT TO PRESS CONCERNING VISIT. KEY POINTS WERE THAT VISITORS HAD BEEN ABLE STUDY CONDITIONS OF PHILIPPINEMUSLIMS IN DEPTH AND HAD OBTAINED REALISTIC READING ON SITUATION. FACTS GROUP OBTAINED INDICATED THAT PRESENT DIFFICULTIES AND ARMED ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN PHIL MUSLIMS AND GOP WERE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE AND COULD BE SOLVED.

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2. SAQQAF NOTED DELEGATION HAD DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH

"RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE" WHO CONFIRMED THEY WOULD "WORK OUT APPROPRIATE SOLUTION", RESPECTING DEMANDS OF MUSLIMS AND THEIR RIGHTS. DURING SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH PHIL OFFICIALS, DELEGATION RECEIVED DEFINITE CONFIRMATION THAT "POSITIVE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN." SAQQAF STATEMENT CONCLUDED THAT MUSLIM DELEGATION WILL SUBMIT FINAL REPORT TO ISLAMIC FONMIN CONFERENCE IN KABUL NEXT MAY. REPORT WILL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFERENCE TO ADOPT.

3. CONCLUSION: APPEARS GOP WAS INDEED ABLE TAKE POSITIVE ADVANTAGE OF VISIT, THOUGH, AS REF B POINTS OUT, CONSTRUCTIVE GOP ACTION WILL BE NECESSARY TO KEEP ISSUE ON ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT'S BACK BURNER.
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